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ENORMITY OF CHILD LABOR PROBLEM IN THE SOUTH

A Population Steeped in Ignorance and Absence of All Noble Ambitions Due to Capitalistic Degradation of Children

In the Chicago Record-Herald Wm. E. Curtis has a valuable and interesting article on the hard lot of the laboring class in the South, where factories and mills are filled with children who are denied education and stunted in growth by steady toil. Mr. Curtis says:

Among the other advantages that the cotton manufacturers of the South enjoy over those of the North are lower taxes, cheap fuel, low wages, the absence of labor laws and the restrictive force of organized labor, and they propose to retain them as long as they can. The average rate of taxation in Massachusetts on factory property is 23 mills on the dollar; in the South it is 5 mills. Fire wood can be had in abundance, delivered at the factory for \$1 a cord, and coal costs \$3 a ton. In some of the mills the operatives work twelve hours, in nearly all of them eleven hours, and the wage scales are much lower for the same work than in the North, although the Southern operatives are not yet so skillful, and cannot produce as much as those of the North.

Children of all ages are employed without restriction, during the school season as well as during vacation. There are now laws concerning ventilation or other sanitary conditions. The operatives are subject entirely to the tender mercies of their superintendents and are compelled to accept their terms or quit. If they adopt the latter alternative they find it difficult to get employment elsewhere. There is no blacklist, but before taking on an inexperienced hand a superintendent will make a thorough investigation of his or her record.

As a rule, however, the operatives are well treated and make no complaint. They earn more money, their work is lighter, their hours are shorter, and they have more comfortable homes than their fathers and mothers, and their own until they came into the mills. The factories are generally constructed on modern sanitary methods and are situated in healthful locations, so that the employees do not suffer on that account. Most of the new mills are models of construction and equipment. The use of electricity in manufacturing is much more general than in the North. The mills are usually situated outside of the towns, or in the country, with long rows of neat cottages for the employees, much more comfortable than the average habitation of the poor white class of the South. The rents are low, and are deducted from their wages, and payment in store orders is common. In many of the factories the operatives are compelled to do their trading at the company's stores, but there is no complaint. They are economical, frugal and save their money. They do not crave luxuries, either in the way of food, dress or furniture. Neither the women nor the men have ever dreamed of the pleasures and privileges commonly enjoyed by the factory people of New England. Their lives are dull and serious; they are not within reach of theaters; buggy riding and excursions are unknown; ribbons and gloves are no temptation, and the wardrobes of the women are generally limited to a couple of cheap calico home-made gowns, and a woolen skirt and shirt waist for Sunday.

There is no system of inspection or legislation for factories in the South. The mill owners have thus far succeeded in preventing all official interference with their affairs, and the operatives have so little political pull that they would be powerless to obtain it even if they desired protection. There is, however, a determined movement on the part of benevolent people in the cities, assisted by the few labor organizations, to abolish child labor, and bills are regularly introduced at every session of the legislatures of Georgia, North and South Carolina prohibiting the employment of children under 12 years of age, and requiring their attendance in school, but these measures have thus far received but little attention, chiefly because the parents of the children are opposed to the law, and several enterprises in every legislative district would be affected. If it is not a cotton mill, it is a canning factory, or a peach orchard, or a berry farm, or a peanut patch in which children are employed, and their wages add considerably to the family income. The average "poor white" would consider it an outrage if the legislature should pass a law forbidding his children to earn money. Public sentiment outside the cities is decidedly against the reform, and will have to be educated up to it.

At the recent convention of the Episcopal church of the Georgia diocese Bishop Nelson preached a sermon on

the subject, which was distinguished for the vigor and directness in which he dealt with what he called "the degradation in which thousands of our fellow citizens are steeped by ignorance, self-content and the absence of all the noblest ambitions of civilization." This he declared was "the result of the employment of child labor, the fault being that the legislatures, influenced by the power of the employing class, exercised in the usual way, are permitting chains of a thralldom worse than slavery to be riveted upon the coming generation." Said he: "The injury to the state is incalculable. The tendency and results are a decadence that foils all attempts to reduce the illiteracy of the population, which is a standing rebuke and reproach to the people of Georgia, and injures our repute among our sister states." The convention appointed a committee, of which Rev. C. B. Wilmer of Atlanta is chairman, to investigate the subject and to report to the next convention with recommendations.

In South Carolina the movement has been undertaken by the "King's Daughters," who are working in the churches and the Sunday schools, educating public opinion and appealing for the protection of the children of the state from a moral as well as a sanitary point of view.

There are now supposed to be at least 10,000 children under 10 years of age and probably 15,000 under 12 years of age employed in the mills of South Carolina who are earning 30 cents a day and upward by working eleven hours a day of six days in the week, without any of the privileges or pleasures of childhood, without education or recreation. The confinement in the mills dwarfs their stature and undermines their physical constitutions.

The census shows 1,340,000 population in South Carolina, against 1,151,149 ten years ago. The age statistics for 1900 are not yet ready, but in 1890 there were 501,393 children of school age in South Carolina, which is nearly 50 per cent of the population, and at that rate there should be at least 600,000 at present. The total enrollment, however, in all the schools is only 281,891, less than half that number, and the average attendance is 201,295, about one-third of the children in the state. In 1890 there were 313,249 colored and 188,144 white children. This year there should be at least 300,000 colored and 230,000 whites, whereas there are only 155,602 colored children and 126,289 white children enrolled in the schools, and an average attendance of only 110,947 colored and 90,348 whites.

The school privileges of South Carolina are limited. The total expenditures last year for educational purposes were only \$896,830, or less than 75 cents per capita of the population. Of this \$693,807 was expended for the benefit of white children and \$203,033 for the benefit of colored children. At this rate it will be a long time before South Carolina is redeemed.

Most of the labor in the mills is taken from the neighborhood and from white American families—the "poor white" class. There are very few foreigners in the South. In South Carolina, by the last census, there were fewer than 500 persons of foreign birth, and in North Carolina a still smaller number. The operatives in the Southern mills are a rugged, muscular race, accustomed to privation and hard work, and, being to the manor born, take a personal interest in the affairs of their employers. In many cases they are encouraged to save their wages and are allowed to share in the profits of the factory by purchasing stock. I have been told of two mills in which very nearly every family employed is a stockholder.

Attempts to introduce negro labor in the factories have invariably failed. Neither the men nor the women will endure such employment and they are not skillful in handling machinery. Neither their mental nor physical qualities are adapted to factory work. It takes a much longer time to train them to handle a loom or a lot of spindles than it does a white person of the same age and education. And when they have learned they are indifferent and careless and cannot be relied upon for punctual attendance. As a rule they quit work on pay day and do not come back to the factory until their money is exhausted. This is said to be the experience of every person who has tried colored labor in mechanical industries. Several factories have been started by colored men in which none but colored labor was employed, but I am told that every one was a failure.

THE JULY CONVENTION

The convention for uniting Socialists and converting jarring factions into a united party is now a certainty. The Socialist Labor party alone declines to participate. This is to be regretted—and yet, perhaps, it may be better so. Time will tell. Whatever may be said about the policy of the Socialist Labor party in hoisting its own row, it must be admitted that more or less danger attends the converging of factions which have long been divided and are still (being human) influenced by their prejudices and their antipathies.

But the very fact that the convention was agreed to by practical unanimity would seem to indicate that the separate columns are ready to unite into a grand army, and that henceforth factional strife is to be silenced and the combined resources of the party are to be brought into concerted action upon the enemy.

As one who earnestly hopes that the convention may accomplish the object for which it has been called, I wish to address a few words to the members of our own party, urging that as many of them as possible be in attendance. The wholesome effect of the commingling and intercourse of the rank and file of the various factions will serve not only to check any tendency on the part of the leaders to yield to their former antipathies, but also to hold the convention true to its course until its mission shall have been accomplished.

It is also important that our delegates should enter the convention hall representing a party free from encumbrance, and as our debt it but small, each branch should cheerfully contribute the trifle necessary to discharge the indebtedness to the last farthing, so that we shall be able to close an honorable record, if that is necessary, and transfer to our successors a clear and clean set of books.

I shall not venture to discuss prospects and probable results, farther than to say that I confidently believe a united party is inevitable. The bitter experiences of the past were perhaps necessary to a more thorough compact and disciplined party, and if we shall profit by it a new era in the Socialist movement of the United States will date from the Indianapolis convention.

The one thing necessary is that we shall have a sound Socialist party, with a platform that will bear the test of critical analysis. By this I do not mean that we shall quibble in split hairs, but that so far as the fundamental principles of Socialism are concerned, they shall be stated with such clearness as to silence all reasonable question as to our party being free from the taint of compromise and in harmonious alliance with the Socialist movement of the world.

The convention need not last long. The sooner it settles the question and adjourns the better. A day would suffice, though I have no expectation that we shall have such luck. Still, I hope some of the long-winded vocal efforts which seem necessary to all conventions—Socialist like the rest—will be postponed or abbreviated.

What we want to do is to get together and down to business. A provisional committee could handle affairs until a permanent one is chosen by the several states, and I am in favor of having every state absolutely control its own affairs, thus leaving little for the national party to do except in years of presidential campaigns. In this particular we can safely follow the methods of the old parties whose leaders are adepts at organization.

There will be no trouble to organize after the convention. Rapid growth is what we shall have to guard against, and that is a danger which will threaten the Socialist movement more and more as it advances to political prominence.

If I am permitted to attend the convention I shall have but one object there. I shall have no friends to favor and no enemies to punish. The scalps I am after do not grow in Socialist timber.

Eugene V. Debs.

George Q. Cannon, the Mormon and polygamist, the Utah statesman and church dignitary, died recently possessed of a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000. How many disconsolate widows mourn his demise is not stated, but in his will he provides for thirty-three children. Such cannon do more to subdue the wilderness, build states and carry forward our civilization, such as she is, than all the Krupp guns in the world. The United States could afford to devote a thousand old cannon to build him a monument.

Get Social Democrats for the Third Annual Picnic of the Social Democratic Party, to be held July 4, at the finest picnic park in Chicago—Hoerdt's, Western, Belmont and Clybourn avenues. Make no other engagements for that day. There will be a big program; there will be no better place to spend the Fourth. Get your tickets at the Herald office, 120 Washington street; Spiegelman's office, 700 LaSalle street.

INSECURITY OF MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ARMY

Protection Demanded for the Aged and Invalids Who Give Their Lives to Society—Old Age and Accident Insurance in European Countries

By MAJOR LADOFF

The labor problem occupies a conspicuous place in the public mind of our time. The insincerity of the economic condition of the wage worker is undoubtedly one of the principal causes of the prominence given to the discussion of social economic conditions and theories by all public-spirited members of society. The prevalent system of production not only caused this insecurity, but shows a tendency to increase this insecurity in the future in direct proportion to the ever-progressing perfection of the system itself. The alienation of the tools of production and raw materials necessary for production from the producer—the modern wage worker—resulted in the gradual but inevitable shifting of the point of gravity of production from the producer—the living, thinking and feeling laborer—to his dead tools, to his dead raw materials and their legal possessor—the capitalist. Commodities or wares are produced not for consumption, but for gain and profit. The ethical moment in production, the satisfaction of human needs, is entirely lost sight of and economic anarchy reigns supreme. In the insane scramble for profit human labor is degraded to the role of a mere commodity and subjected to all the indignities arising from the chaotic fluctuations of supply and demand.

The laborer divorced from his tools is compelled to beg the man having vested rights in these tools for a chance to work, to be graciously allowed to create a surplus value for one who has the tools in his possession, but does not labor. It is true, that the capitalist class cannot get along without the laboring class. Unfortunately, however, the laboring class does not present a solid front, as a social economic unit to the organized force of its exploiters—the capitalists. The laboring class is rather split up into groups and individuals, not only co-operating, but directly competing with each other for the privilege of selling their labor-power. The wage worker is thus worse off not only than the black slave and even the beast of burden, for whose sustenance, as an individual and a species of animals, their owner had to provide for paternally. The wage worker is even worse off than the tools he works with. If a machine is out of shape, it is not thrown out, but carefully fixed or modernized. The machine costs money to its owner, the capitalist. The living appendage to the machinery, the wage worker, is not the product of a machine shop, but a child of Dame Nature, a son of man, and does not belong to the capitalist legally. The capitalist is not an idle dreamer, not a sentimental, but a business man, and from the point of view of gain and profit it would be the climax of folly to take care of a laborer (temporarily or permanently as the case may be) injured and disabled to work. Accidents, sickness, old age, do not exist for the lords of our modern machine production as far as laborers are concerned. The lords of modern machine production would fain prefer to have metallic automatons instead of frail human beings as appendages to their tools of production; giants of mechanical force with the subtle intelligence of a human being, but without the troublesome organs of the human frame, without stomach and heart; monsters silent like the grave, obedient like carefully trained beasts of burden, with no desire for freedom, no yearning for personal bliss and happiness. These automatons do not exist and may be will never be invented. The capitalists, however, manage to get along nicely without them. The labor market is constantly overflowing with young and vigorous recruits ready and willing to pitch in whenever and wherever an old soldier of the industrial army wavers, weakens and falls in the economic battle.

Accident, sickness and old age of wage workers are ignored by the captains of industry. Unfortunately, however, this ignoring is just as little effective in doing away with accidents, sickness and old age as Christian Science or Dowieism. Accidents will always happen, people will always get old if they live long enough, and sickness will never be eradicated entirely from human life. Accidents and sickness ruin many a worker's family; old age finds many an honest, thrifty and industrious laborer in the poorhouse and the potter's field is saturated with proletarian flesh and blood.

Self-help is a beautiful principle for the strong, but a cruel mockery when preached by the strong exploiter to his victim. The average wage worker is not able to earn enough in his best years and in so-called good times to provide for many rainy days in the summer of his life and for his age of physical decline. The industrial proletariat in its present unorganized condition is not able to take care of its own invalids. The few unsuccessful attempts on the part of mutual aid and sick benefit laborers' associations to cope with the problem prove our contention. Indeed, as long as the economic condition of the individual members of such organizations is insecure—there can be no talk about the security of the institution itself.

Who shall then take the burden of providing for the invalids of the industrial army of the proletariat? Society at large represented by the state in general, and the capitalist class in particular. The wage worker gives to society at large and the capitalist in particular his best powers, he wastes the strength of his muscles and the energy of his nerves in his endeavor to create the commodities necessary for the life and happiness of all members of society. But when the strength of his muscles is getting exhausted, when the energy of his nervous system is overstrained in the service of society he is turned into an object of frigid and bitter charity. How different is the fate of a private of the industrial army trained in the peaceful and useful arts of creating things necessary for life and its enjoyment, from that of a soldier trained in the craft of wholesale murder and destruction called work. The Cain of militarism is the beloved son of our Christian civilization, while the Abel of peaceful and useful arts is treated as a slave.

The usual objection raised by the Philistines of our time against any measure tending to the protection of the proletariat in his (the Philistine) aversion to paternalism and his fear of the ghost of state Socialism. Curious enough the Philistine has no objection against paternalism and state Socialism, when legislation in favor of the ruling classes is the object of discussion. The Philistine does not see either paternalism or state Socialism in the protection by the state of such lusty infants of industry as the giant steel trust or sugar-trust babies or poverty-stricken railroad corporations.

The Social Democratic Party of America, the party of the proletariat, must demand justice for the invalids of the proletariat. It must demand that the state should include in its functions the creation of institutions, providing for the sick and invalids of the laboring class, just as it provides for its soldiers. In all European countries, including even little Roumania and the colossus of Russia, there is a system of legislature creating protection for the victims of accidents during work, to the sick laborers and to invalids of labor. Germany, owing to the influence of the strong Social Democratic party, has gone farther in that direction than any other country and provided an insurance for laborers even in case of protracted inability to work in consequence of an accident or sickness. It is impossible to present here an approximate idea of the magnitude of the work done in Europe in that direction within the limits of one article. It will suffice to present here brief statistical data concerning Germany. In 1873 there were legalized 21,226 benefit institutions with 7,106,804 insured; 2,794,027 persons benefited during 46,199,436 days of sickness. The expenditure amounted to 126,18,810 marks, while the total income reached 83,811,959 marks. In 1894 there were 18,060,000 persons insured against accidents; 266,400 accidents were adjusted. The old age pension benefited in 1894 11,510,000; insured, 295,200. The forty institutions had an income of 109,580,000 marks, an expenditure of 25,560,000 marks. Their capital amounted to 329,500,000 marks. The sum furnished to it by the state amounted to 13,920,000 marks. Each member of the sick benefit associations is entitled in Germany to free medical attendance and medicine and likewise to spectacles, crutches and similar things in case of need. Beginning with the third day a sick benefit is paid out at the rate of one-half of the wages received by the patient. A death benefit amounting to a sum equal to twenty times the wages earned by the deceased is provided in compulsory associations. Accident insurance is provided for every insured person, irrespective of consideration as to the party to be blamed for the accident. This provision eliminates costly and protracted litigation. The author, Maurice Black, points out in his book, *Les Assurances sociales en Allemagne*, Paris, 1894, that the field of charity contrasts with the extension of labor insurance and old age pension.

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British India has a population of 294,266,700, with 5,000,000 in the grasp of famine.

Philanthropy is not Philistinism, missionaryism in China, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Boston bricklayers are not greedy and accepted an advance of 2 cents an hour in their wages.

Education is worth having, provided you get the right sort. There is a good deal of education that don't educate.

The population of Ireland since 1851 has decreased by emigration 3,848,419. What a commentary upon British rule is that?

Yes, workingmen are sovereigns in the United States, the ballot is their scepter, and they need not wear crowns of thorns unless they want to.

It is said that Phillips, the corn plunger, made on an average of \$800 a day for sixty days, and in the final wind-up was \$2,000,000 ahead.

The City of New York now has 125 free libraries and expends \$20,000,000 a year on her schools, but not a cent to mitigate the horrors of her sweat shops.

The government patronizes the New Jersey penitentiary in the manufacture of its mail bags, and organized labor, very justly, is kicking against the policy.

Socialism is the only force in the world whose confessed and out-spoken mission is to improve conditions and civilization. In doing this, it offers no quack nostrums.

The man whose courage oozes out at his finger ends over his first failure, is made of inferior stuff. Metamorphosis! He might be made into wooden nutmegs, or dogwood bams.

The Duke of York, in following the martial airs of England over the earth, will cost the working man of that "merry" land £162,700, or in Yankee currency, nearly \$1,000,000.

A young millionaire of New York, about to be married, announces that the bridal party must all be millionaires. He was under obligation to convince the public that it is a blooming ass.

Socialism has advanced beyond the limits of ridicule and sarcasm. Its enemies are finding out that they must meet its advance with trenchant blades and all the big guns in their arsenals.

Connecticut boasts of her saving banks, where the poor, to provide against a rainy day, deposit their earnings, and yet the wooden nutmeg state taxed these banks last year to the amount of \$418,280.28.

King Edward VII, has given out that in the future he will tolerate only the titled nobility at his palaces. Which means that John L. Sullivan, Chauncey M. Depew and Lily Langtry will not be admitted.

France, with a population of 38,500,000, finds a way to collect annually by taxation more than \$700,000,000. For 1901 she will collect \$731,000,000. It is not surprising that socialism is gaining in France.

Catharine of Russia, of unsavory repute, had on her shoulders an eminently level head. Born in a hut she died in a palace; born a peasant, she wore a crown and died an empress. Her policy was tolerant. She said: "It is better to prevent crimes than to punish them," and that "to prevent crimes, enlighten the people." Catharine of Russia lived long ago, but she had ideas. Like Tolstoi, she had a glimpse of coming events and of a better civilization.

It has been said that "labor is the divine law of our existence." To rob labor of its rewards is a satanic law in existence since the tribes laid the foundation of Babylon, or since the Egyptian despot built Cheops.

A number of capitalists are organizing a new steel trust, with a capital of \$200,000,000, to antagonize Billion Morgan's colossus, which reminds us that "big fleas have little fleas on their backs to bite 'em."

Statistics show that the people of the United States consume annually 92 pounds of meat per capita, or a total of 7,992,000,000 pounds. As meat-eaters no people, nation, tribe, tongue or kindred equals them.

The estimate is that Americans annually spend from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in gold in touring Europe, thousands of whom are utterly ignorant of their own country, its resources and the grandeur of its scenery.

In the year 1900 Great Britain built ships of more tonnage than the United States, Germany, France and Italy combined. England is dependent upon her merchant marine for food. She must build ships or starve.

Indiana is to have a \$10,000,000 coal mine trust, the object of which is to put more "ginger" in the market, but not to put more money in the pockets of the diggers. If they get any "ginger" they will have to strike for it.

A Mrs. Kendrick of Brooklyn, N. Y., bet on the right side and made \$500,000 in stock gambling on the New York Exchange. She says she will do a heap of good with her money in "giving comfort and pleasure to others."

The United States will build, during the year 1901, more than 8,000 miles of new railroad track, making the total mileage 108,833 miles. The total mileage of all Europe is given at 175,821 miles, or 25,012 miles longer than the United States.

Bernard J. Baker, president of the Atlantic Transfer company, predicts the decline and fall of England's commercial supremacy. "The English," he says, "realize they are being left behind," and that the United States, "by rapid strides" is taking the lead.

A Mississippi bishop recently preached a sermon at Jackson in that state in which he affirmed that "the great burden the church is bearing results from the number of rich men who belong to it." He had better be more circumspect in his utterances if he expects to get his salary.

Aguinaldo, once dictator, and now a very small tater, thinks the government of the Philippine islands should be run in accordance with the constitution of the United States. The distinguished Filipino has not learned that the constitution don't follow the flag, or that McKinley is bigger than the constitution.

It transpires that surgeons in several instances have removed the stomachs of patients, who manage to get along remarkably well without the aid of that organ. It has long been known that men could keep up with the procession without a soul, and that the hearts of others are often transformed into vulture gizzards.

In the evolution of pork packing labor saving machinery has been introduced which does all the heavy work. Shoulders are transformed into hams, a dozen different sorts of sausages are made and the hog is made into an hundred kinds of different meat, which demonstrates this is an age of pork and progress.

The tramp question is creating excitement in Pennsylvania. There are many mean and vicious tramps, lazy vagabonds who ought to be made to work, but if Pennsylvania can tolerate such a political hobo as Matt Quay and send him to the United States senate the state ought to keep quiet on the tramp question.

McKinley's satraps are indignant because army and navy officers publicly discuss political questions, and McKinley will be requested to issue a decree putting a quietus upon such indiscretions. These officers are to be made to know that they are simply a part of a great imperial machine, whose duty it is to obey orders and keep their mouths closed—a la Russia.

The man who has to sweat this week to pay the rent of a house next week, thinks it is right for another man who never sweats to own land and houses.

The man who can't get enough to buy back the products of his own labor, thinks it is right for another man who never produced anything to make big profits on those very products.

The man who can't afford to make an excursion of a hundred miles on a railroad that he helped to build, thinks it is right for another man to own ten thousand miles of railroad without hewing a cross-tie or driving a spike.

The machinists of the United States want a nine-hour day and ten hours pay, and are likely to get what they want. This will give them six hours a week additional leisure, or 12 hours a year. If they will devote the half of the time thus secured to study the merits of socialism it will prove to be an investment paying large dividends in knowledge and progress.

South Carolina some years ago solved the saloon question by going into the retail liquor business herself. She finds the profits of the business satisfactory and expends them on her schools. The time between drinks is not limited, but when a citizen has had enough he must sober up before the state permits another drink.

The stock and bond craze which recently struck the great gambling dive in New York, was regarded in some quarters as a calamity—not so with ex-President Cleveland, who, receiving a tip, played the right card and won \$400,000. And this is the distinguished American citizen, the only ex-President above the sod, who delivers lectures to the students of the great Presbyterian University of Princeton. Bah!

John D. Rockefeller was asked by his bible class if when his children were "little tots he gave them money to buy marbles and chewing gum." He replied that he "always gave them the net proceeds of a pint of oil every day for spending money." He told his bible class that since the "little tots" had become big tots, but not hot-tottos, it required several hundred barrels of oil a day to satisfy them.

Take nine digits, all 9s, place them in line with the dollar mark at their head, then \$999,999,999, and you have a billion less \$1—about equal to Bullion Morgan's steel trust. Now, remove the tails of the digits and you have nothing left, thus, \$000,000,000. In this is seen the fate of Bullion Morgan's steel trust under the sway of the Co-operation Commonwealth, and of all other trusts and combines organized to rob labor.

Ex-Gov. Hogg of Texas, a millionaire, whom an ardent opponent of trusts, has purchased 15,000 acres of land in Texas and organized a trust with a capital of \$10,000,000 to engage in manufacturing iron and steel. He has iron mines said to be the richest in the world and will utilize oil for fuel, and expects eventually to throttle Morgan's billion dollar steel trust. His name is all right for a trust. "Hogg" fills the bill.

It turns out that a wealthy young man of Waltham, Mass., brought up by good parents and surrounded by the influences of school and church all his life, is a notorious burglar and has been for years engaged in criminal acts. Caught at last he will go to the penitentiary. He had plenty of money, had married a charming woman; he might have been, etc. But it seems he was a horn thief. He supplies a case for scientists to investigate.

A general protest is coming from organized labor against union workingmen belonging to state guard armies. These state guard armies are organized, equipped and supported to shoot down workingmen when contending for their rights against oppression. They are the aids of capitalism, and come to its relief in time of need. No self-respecting workingman will carry a gun to kill a fellow workingman when resisting oppression and contending for his rights.

President Schwab, the million dollar president of the billion dollar trust, objects to labor unions because they "put all men on exactly the same level." Mr. Schwab wants an aristocracy of labor. He said to the industrial commission: "If I was a better man, had more ability than the other men, I would want to reap the benefit of it. I would not want to be put in the same class as the poorest man, where I could not advance or show superior ability." Mr. Schwab has no conception of the power of labor unions to lift up the whole body of labor. His motto is "Every man for himself, and let the devil take the hindmost."

Just now the Declaration of Independence is regarded as effete—something that was well enough in 1776, when the colonists were fighting for liberty, but of no consequence when the United States is engaged in shooting Philipine "niggers," who, like the Yankees in 1776, want to enjoy liberty and independence.

There is not in the whole history of treason to principle a case calling for a measure of detestation equal to that which all liberty loving people are now visiting upon the United States for its treatment of Filipino patriots, for which sooner or later retribution will follow.

Pass the Third Annual Picnic of the Social Democratic Party in Chicago—to eclipse all others—will be held at Hoerdt's Park on the Fourth of July. The park is at Western, Belmont and Clybourn avenues. It is one of the most beautiful resorts in the city. Get tickets now for your family, and make no other appointments for the day.

Their Pious Resolution

A gathering of ministers of the gospel can usually be left to their own deliberations to successfully evolve from their inner consciousness the most uncharitable and atheistic views of working people and trades unionism. This was illustrated, though the other day at Pittsburg, Pa., where, in a session of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of America, the preachers gravely and piously discussed the subject of trade unions and actually went on record with the following resolution:

"That we reaffirm our testimony against all secret oathbound societies, and that we regard membership in most of the labor and trades unions as at present organized and controlled as dangerous, and remind our members that the law of Christ forbids joining any labor union."

There is no doubt that such a resolution as that meets with the entire approval of the exploiters of labor who draw their spiritual comfort and consolation from the Reformed Presbyterian church. The well-fed and religiously-bankrupt preachers of a church that has lost its moral influence among the people, with few exceptions, are the defenders and apologists of the existing slave system, just as they were of all past systems.

There are many trades unionists holding the opinion that Jesus was an active member of the strongest union the world has ever known; that he was an aggressive walking delegate and always had his dues paid up. This union has been known as the "Brotherhood of Man." It is true the organization was considered "dangerous," just as this outfit of pious humbugs at Pittsburg considers the trade unions of today, but the interests endangered have always been the same—the interests of the economically powerful, of the rich, of the employing and exploiting class. These interests have ever had in the preacher class a strong bulwark of defense. Members of that class can always be depended upon, instead of standing for the right as Jesus understood it, to defend every form of villainy the capitalist system produces.

Portents

There are many persons who still believe in portents, signs, warnings, dreams, etc., and some of them think they see in the collapse of McKinley's grand swing around the circle omens of evil to McKinley's imperial aspirations. McKinley's train was gorgeous beyond compare. His tour was triumphal from the start. Ovations attended him at every way station. In the large cities there were receptions, parades and banquets, and an amount of sycophancy that made the country gay. The train proceeded in its captivating splendor until it reached the flowery and fairy land of California, when the troubles began. The Governor of Ohio was also touring in California. The question of precedence arose, and the Governor was required to play second fiddle. He and his staff at once became recalcitrant; kicked and bucked in a way bordering upon treason. Then Mrs. McKinley, an infirm old lady with a bone felon on her finger, took sick, dangerously so, lingering for days in a condition bordering upon death. This upset the program, fetes, receptions, parades, ovations and adulation had to be abandoned. In addition, the wife of Secretary Gage of the treasury department died; the condition of the daughter of Secretary Long of the navy, sick at Colorado Springs, became so alarming that he had to leave the presidential combination; and to make things still worse Secretary of State Hay, who plays diplomatic music on Lord Piano-forte, also took sick. As a result of all this, the President, disheartened and sighing, "Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" did not carry out the original program, but struck a bee-line for Washington city the moment his wife was able to make the journey. The astrologers, soothsayers and magicians predict that McKinley will not live to see his empire "burst full blossom on the thorny stem of time," and that it would be eminently prudent for him to arrange his state papers for the historian, say something pretty about liberty and independence, make his will and prepare for his journey to "Fame's eternal camping ground." And yet, there may be nothing serious in the portents, and Teddy the Terrible may never step into the cast-off presidential boots.

I say to you, the land is filled With poverty's low moans; And vengeance yet will pour its flood I swear it by these bones. Your brothers' and your sisters' blood Is crying from the stones.

Then gray and wan the silent morn Crept down the drowsy east, And sunlight cast a ghostly sheen Where wail long has ceased, None but the poet there had seen The Skeleton at the Feast.

McGaffey is not only warm-hearted and sympathetic. There is the true fire of discontent and protest against unjust social conditions in his verse.

Aye! we mean it, we, your masters, have you then so soon forgotten How the condor, Revolution, spread abroad his mighty wings? By the dripping head of Louis, the reviled and misbegotten, We assert it, who denies it, that there shall be no more kings.

No! by torch and sword and rapine, by our hearthstones, wives and daughters, By the whistling winds of prescience that the gathering tempest brings, We have gnawed our last of black-bread, drunk our fill of bitter waters.

Hear it, heed it, as we say it, there shall be no more kings.

In all it is a splendid volume. "To a Mistress," "After Midnight," "The Night Hawk in the City," "Mary Magdalene" are all splendid portrayals of different phases of life in the modern city. The work is a notable contribution to reform literature.

Seymour Stedman.

POEMS OF THE TOWN

The above is the title of a book of poems by Ernest McGaffey, for sale by the American Baptist Publication Society, 177 Wabash avenue, Chicago; price, postpaid, \$1.20; bound in flexible leather.

McGaffey has in his volume some twenty-six poems, and there are none of them filled with that rosy, unsubstantial melody of laughing brooks, chanting and whispering stars. He contrasts the high and the low, the powerful and the weak, and hints at the nascent debauchery which seems to be spreading over all classes. His "Message of the Town" speaks truly the cold and brutal message of the modern metropolis:

No time for the touch of gladness,
 Nor yet for the boon of tears,
 We toss in a cloud of madness,
 Whirl'd round by the whirling years;

And an echo lingers always
 From which we are never free,
 I will harden your heart or break it
 If you will abide with me.

His "Ballad of the Shop Girl" tells a story so well known to most of us, and strange it is that any should be blind to it; but it takes a poet with a soul to paint the picture which memory shall not lose:

I never may know surcease from woe,
 But I know of Fortune's frown;
 I am one of a score of thousands more
 Who toil in the cruel town;
 And the wolves of lust and poverty
 Are waiting to drag us down.

And many and fast the days whirl past
 While early I work and late;
 And around my path for the aftermath
 The basilisk watchers wait;
 And civilization bids me choose
 The grave or a harlot's fate.

The "Skeleton at the Feast" for picturing a contrast is perhaps the strongest in the collection. It is in winter time. Inside all is luxuriant and the summer vegetation abounds! Outside the cold winds mourn, and during the gayest of the festivities

To the poet there came thoughts,
 Which he could not escape;
 And suddenly above the rout
 And flow of sparkling grape,
 As from a mist, came slowly out
 A weird and awful shape.

It fixed on him a sightless gaze,
 As close its form he scanned;
 It spoke to him in hollow tone,
 It raised a withered hand,
 And said, "I come to you alone,
 For you can understand."

I am the despot of the poor—
 A slow, consuming flame:
 I am the messenger of want,
 The harbinger of shame;
 I am a specter, grim and gaunt,
 And Hunger is my name.

I walk in many humble homes.
 'Mid whispers hopes and fears,
 I know where men and women wet
 Their daily crust

GREAT SOCIALIST DEBATE

JEAN JAURES' FAMOUS SPEECH

I make free to tell you, with, perhaps, the presumptuous assurance that I shall not be belied by the years that are to come. I make free to tell you that every time when the Socialist party of Europe, since thirty years, has tried a new method of action; every time that it renounced its original abstention, styled revolutionary, to enter into action and mix with events — always have there been uncompromising people who have blamed the Socialist party in the language that some of you address today to the participation of a Socialist in a bourgeois government.

Oh, citizens! During the last thirty years the Socialist party has moved onward in the world. It has taken a hand in many events, in many institutions that it formerly kept itself away from. We discuss today in order to ascertain whether the Socialist party may participate, through one of its members, in a bourgeois government. But we are all agreed in saying that the Socialist party must participate in parliamentary action.

Do not, comrades, run away with the idea that it was always so. In the history of the Socialist party, there was during these thirty years a time when those who advised the entrance of the Socialists into parliament were fought as violent, denounced as bitterly, as we are today.

Listen, I pray you, to what William Liebknecht—the great Social Democrat, whose death Socialist humanity has wept over—to what Comrade Liebknecht wrote in 1869. In 1869, at the time when, after two years of universal suffrage, the parliament of the Confederation of North Germany was created, Liebknecht wrote a pamphlet upon what Socialists could and should do in parliament.

Not only did he object to their occupying themselves with reforms, but he considered that the parliamentary tribune was useless, even for addresses of pure propaganda. He said:

"Our speeches can have no direct influence upon legislation; we cannot convert parliament by words; by our speeches, pronounced there, we cannot throw into the masses truths that it is not possible to divulge in better fashion."

"Of what practical use are then speeches in parliament? Of none. To speak without a purpose is the pleasure of imbeciles."

"Not one advantage."

"Now, see the disadvantages, on the other hand. Sacrifice of principle; debasement of the political struggle, thus reduced to a parliamentary skirmish. To impose upon the people with the belief that the Bismarckian parliament is calculated to solve the social question would be poltroonery and treason."

See how, in 1869, the very action, the action of our present members elected to parliament, looked to the Social Democrats. I suppose you have recognized in that, applied to a different subject, the condemnations that are made against us aent the entrance of a Socialist in a bourgeois cabinet.

A few years later, nevertheless, drawn by the irresistible course of events, not only did Liebknecht remain a militant in the imperial assembly, but he entered the Landtag of Saxony, where no entrance can be made without a vow of loyalty to the royal and bourgeois constitution:

"I swear before God" (ironical exclamations from several parts of the hall).

Chairman Delory—Citizens, the itch to interrupt places the interrupters in a bad light. Jaures was only quoting.

Jaures—Just see, citizens, to what extraordinary misunderstandings can the prejudice lead to that we entertain against one another. I had just told you that no one could enter the Landtag without taking an oath of loyalty to the King of Saxony; I relate to you, I describe to you the formula of the oath taken by Liebknecht in order to enter the Landtag of Saxony; and, behold, comrades, somewhat heated, who do not hesitate to tax me with clericalism. (Laughter.)

Keep in mind that it is Liebknecht who speaks:

"I swear before God, of being unfalteringly loyal to the constitution; to serve, accordingly to my conscience, by my propositions and my votes, the inseparable interests of the King and the Fatherland. So help me God."

There were, comrades, at that time, "purists," "uncompromising" men, who accused Liebknecht of having failed towards the Social Democracy by taking an oath for the purpose of filling a seat in the Landtag. Whereupon Liebknecht, the admirable revolutionist, answered well: "What of it? We would be eternally the dupes of the ruling class, if all they had to do was to throw across our path the paper obstacle of the formula of an oath."

And I, in turn, ask: When a crime is made out of a Socialist cabinet minister's having accepted what I shall call the ministerial formality of seeming solidarity with his colleagues in the cabinet, is that formality more humiliating than was, for the revolutionary Socialists of

German, the oaths taken "before God" to remain loyal to the King?

I ask you whether we also should allow ourselves to be arrested in our course by those obstacles of paper, before those bureau formalities, and whether we shall hesitate, when our cause needs it, to throw one of our own into the fortress of a hostile government? ("No! No!")

I said that as difficult a question confronted the German Socialists aent the participation in the elections of the Landtag of Prussia.

There is no universal suffrage exists, there we find three classes of electors. It is a veritable trap. The electoral system is arranged in such a way that the Socialists alone never could elect one of their own into the elective assembly of Prussia. They can do so only by entering into alliances, compromises, as they term it—compromises with the bourgeois parties.

In 1893, upon a report by Bebel, the Social Democrats of Germany made the following declaration at the Cologne convention:

"Whereas, it is contrary to the principles hitherto observed by the party, to enter into compromise with the hostile parties, because such conduct would necessarily lead to demoralization, to quarrels and to division in our own ranks, the Cologne convention declares: 'It is the duty of the party members in Prussia to wholly abstain from participation in the elections, they would allow the liberal bourgeois to be crushed by the reactionary parties, and that the rights of the proletariat—the right of association and organization — were menaced.'

In 1897, at Hamburg; in 1898, at Stuttgart, and in 1899 they began to allow the Socialists of Prussia to take a hand in the elections for the Prussian Landtag.

But that was not all. Finally the same Bebel, who, in 1893, had demanded of the Labor party that it forbid all its members from participating in the elections for the Prussian Landtag—that same Bebel, understanding the mistake that had been made, demanded in 1900, at the Mainz convention, a contrary vote.

At this Mainz convention, seven years after the prohibition, the German Socialists issued the order of the Prussian Socialists to participate in the elections for the Prussian Landtag.

And yet it was in the name of the Class Struggle, it was in the name of party tactics, that, in 1893, the German Socialists were forbidden from participating in the elections for the Landtag.

It was later seen that the Class Struggle compelled the proletariat to defend even its elemental liberties by coalescing, if necessary, with the liberal faction of the bourgeois. Where once "No" had been said, now "Yes" was said; and an order was issued. Will you accuse them of having become traitors? (Loud applause.)

I say to you, without being now able to give you all the reasons, that likewise will the hour come when the unified Socialist party will issue the order to one of its members to go seat himself in a bourgeois government, so as to control the mechanism of bourgeois society, so as to resist as much as possible the tendencies towards reaction, so as to co-operate as much as possible in the works of reform.

Citizens and friends, I have already abused your good-natured attention, and yet I could not console myself for breaking off my presentation of the affair, for leaving it incomplete, so as to yield the floor to Guesde, if I abstained from saying that, after all, whatever the differences may be, whatever the difficulties may be, whatever may be the polemics, that, at a certain time, may break out among Socialists, they will come together again.

We shall come together again no longer to quarrel, no longer to dispute, but when the party shall be organized for the purpose of jointly, like loyal comrades, seeking the best way of serving the interests of the party. Ah, the party is cold: "Remain isolated; stand off; do not mix in the governmental action; keep as far as possible aloof from the bourgeois state."

But I say to you that all the great revolutions have been made in the world because the new social order, before unfolding, had penetrated through all the cracks, and struck its rootlets into the ground of the old order.

The other day, somewhat in a bantering way, Kautsky said to us:

"Do you imagine you will conquer the governing power of the state by conquering one cabinet seat after another? Such a notion would be like if, at the time of the religious reformation, the Protestants had imagined they would conquer the world by conquering one cardinal after another in the Sacred College."

I beg Kautsky's pardon. That which constitutes the force of heresies, of the great revolt for religious freedom of conscience; that which, accordingly, constituted the force of the Protestant reformation, was just the fact that it

started by seizing a portion of the power of the old church itself; its force lay in the circumstance that, during the Sixteenth century, there was a time when the faithful were not certain whether their cardinals, bishops, or monks had remained with the pope or had gone over to Luther.

The church left this so well; it understood so thoroughly that the danger to it lay in that process of penetration, that the Order of the Jesuits, organized to save the church, took for its signal the order to penetrate everywhere, and of itself remaining impenetrable to all.

The church saved itself for centuries by shutting its doors to the influences of the new order. But that which the church could, the bourgeois cannot do. It will not be able to lock itself up. It will allow you to penetrate into the municipalities.

Much is said about the responsibility that a Socialist minister assumes in a bourgeois cabinet. Do your elected municipal officers, perchance, assume no responsibility?

Are they, perchance, no part of the bourgeois state? The very universal suffrage through which they are chosen, is regulated, is defined by bourgeois law.

JENKINS' JOLTS

Here is a double headline that was in the Chicago Record-Herald of June 9, over a London dispatch: "Britain Threatened with Curate Famine—Young Men Hesitate to Study for the Ministry for the Reason that the Church Vineyard Has Not Been Profitable of Late." The Rev. Paul Petit of London is quoted as saying that there has been a very serious diminution in the number admitted to holy orders, this in face of the rapid growth of the population. As soon as the "picking" becomes poor the dear boys don't rush headlong into the work of "saving souls," for the "call" is getting weaker, don't you see! They know where to locate the butter on their bread. I have seen many of the cloth struggling with a "call" to some other field, and after much prayerful wrestling the preacher always felt "called" to the place of the largest salary. It is wonderful what a strong "call" (or "pull") a raise in salary produces! If the churches keep on getting poorer there is a chance that the preachers may become a pretty decent lot.

Thomas Jefferson said of preachers: "In every country and in every age the priest has been hostile to liberty." "From the clergy," he said, "I expect no mercy. They crucified their Savior. The laws of the present day withhold their hands from blood, but lies and slander still remain to them."

What a juicy morsel the Herron marriage has furnished to the editorial, clerical and lay pharisees! How they wrapped their tongues around this succulent bit of gossip and made it last as long as possible! You may have noticed that the smaller the real ability of the pharisee the harder he jumped on Prof. Herron. For a brief time the jackals of industry have had their "fling" at the lion—a good, safe chance to please themselves as well as their masters by snarling at the man and whacking at Socialism. One of these barking whiffets is a popular "preacher" who formerly lived in Chicago. When he was here I tried hard to discover some merit in his sermons, but failed. Mind, I had no prejudice against the man. He had a skillful, graceful way of putting old ideas, but he never advanced any staggeringly original ideas—in fact no originality was or is now apparent in any of his work. He is one of those skillful adapters who can comfortably interest rich and powerful pew-holders—always strictly "nice" and conservative, don't you know—one of the very kind who are never in the vanguard of human progress, taking the rough treatment given to pioneers. He is the kind that come trooping a long way after, when the mere blazed way has expanded into a macadamized pike. These men are the ones who seem to enjoy more than anyone else the chance to roast the pioneers who "offend" the ideas of "society," and they have used the present opportunity to the full. They have sneered at the "vagaries" of Prof. Herron. Think of that, ye who know the solidity and simplicity and truth of Socialism! What is the educated man who calls it a "vagary"? Is he a fool or a knave? Yet the "molders of public opinion" belong to this class.

When a man gets to thinking of these things it makes him want to be Chief Deputy Fool-Killer!

Wm. Q. Jenkins.

Living as a Fine Art

[Richard Le Galliene in Chicago American]

"Can a human being go through life without lying?"

That is the plain question put to me by my editor, says Richard Le Galliene in the American. Here are a few plain answers:

Absolutely, that is, philosophically, speaking, he cannot.

Practically, yes, under certain conditions. If he is rich enough. If he is willing to live on a desert island. If he is prepared to die of starvation.

Society would cease to exist without its liars.

This condition might and may be,

changed. It is due, like all our sorrows, to economic conditions, to narrow views of life working together. When there are more people capable of hearing truly, more will be found to speak truly. The human creature is naturally honest. He desires to speak the truth. He soon learns, however, that he loses more than he gains by speaking it. If he tells the truth about institutions, he is called an anarchist. If he tells the truth about people, he is libelous. If he tells the truth about himself everyone pretends to be highly shocked. In all cases, he loses his job.

Only two people can afford to tell the truth: either Plutus or Diogenes. The one because he has everything, and the other because he wants nothing.

There is an old precept which condenses much wisdom on this subject: "Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no lies."

We have a right to our own lives, so long as they don't interfere with the lives of others; we have a right to our own views of things; and we have a right to silence, as to any other form of privacy.

Those who could assault our privacy should either be ejected forcibly as trespassers or be shown the door politely—with a lie.

Maybe we are willing enough to speak—if only they were capable of hearing aright. We have nothing to be ashamed of. We have lived and thought our best, so far as was humanly possible, according to our lights. But we see clearly that these people, these self-appointed judges of us, will never understand, are likely indeed meanly to misconstrue. We value the beautiful truth about ourselves too highly to risk it with their dull or distorting ears. If they had only asked us no questions—indeed, we would have told them no lies—Lying, then, represents the inalienable right of the individual to manage his own affairs.

The Battle of Labor

Much has been said and written pro and con in regard to this great strike in the machinists' trade now going on all over this country. Numerous reasons have been given showing why the strikers are sure to win, and it is the hope of my heart that they will win, as they should. But the first thing that a general will do when called on to lead an army into battle is to find out how strongly the enemy is entrenched, where his fortifications are and what they consist of. If on investigation he finds that the enemy had used good sense and judgment in guarding himself from attack, he will no doubt pursue the same tactics. This war now going on, not between capital and labor, as the newspapers term it, but between the class of capital and the master class, who all through the centuries that have passed have claimed to be born with the right, either divine or otherwise, to ride on the back of labor. Now let us see what this exploiting band of idlers have done to defend their position. They control the primary, they control the convention, and of course control the election, as they name the candidates on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, and do not care which is elected. They control the judges from the justice shop to the supreme bench. They control the pulpit, and few will deny that they control the press. They control the gatling guns and the battleship; they control the great machine of production and distribution, in short they control every weapon that is needed to fight this battle against labor.

Now, Mr. Voting King, who is a free citizen of this grand country of Morgan's, what do you control? Well, it must be admitted that you control something, as I see that Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, says you belong to a class that constitute 76 per cent of the population of this country, and own three per cent of the wealth; so that if you had your share you would control about sufficient wealth to ride on one of your masters' street cars. But you say I control and have for sale the most valuable capital in any market, consisting of brain and muscle power. Very true. But you are compelled to dispose of this capital of yours to a master at his price, for the very good reason that it is perishable capital and won't keep. The very blood which flows through your veins demands immediate sale at any price, and your master, who is the machine shop trust, is watching his opportunity to take this capital of yours off your hands when you can no longer hold it. Now, your Majesty, the American working man, I think I have shown you very plainly that you control nothing, not even yourself, under the present conditions. Now, sir, I will tell you and your class how you can control all wealth, and as I belong to your class myself I will assist you. Let us stand together like men in this great battle for liberty and justice, let us be union men at the ballot box, let us vote ourselves into the ownership of the great tools of production, let us produce wealth for our own use and not for the profit of a few rulers, let us fight shoulder to shoulder in the only political organization that has made the tyrant and master class tremble the world over, which is fighting the battle of union labor, the great Social Democratic Party.

W. J. McSweeney.

Perhaps you, of thought of it, but the subscrivers of this paper is open for new

LOCAL BRANCHES

CALIFORNIA

Liberty Branch, San Francisco, holds public meetings every Sunday and Wednesday evenings, commencing at 8. Admission free. Business meetings (for members) every Thursday evening. Membership, 50 cents per month. Apply to the secretary, John C. Wesley, 117 Turk street.

Branch No. 2, Los Angeles, meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Woodmen's Hall, 125 Spring street. J. S. Bruner, secy. N. Hill street.

Branch No. 3, San Francisco (German). Holds business meeting first Sunday in each month, at 8 o'clock p.m., at 117 Turk street. Agitation meeting on third Sunday in same place, to which public is invited. August F. Mayer, secretary, 160 Folk street.

COLORADO

Branch No. 2, Goldfield, meets every Sunday at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Chas. LaKamp, secretary.

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut State Committee meets the last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., at P. Schaffner, 160 Main street, Hartford. Louis Herrup, secretary, 45 Kinsky street, Hartford.

Branch No. 4, Rockville, meets second and fourth Fridays at Link's Hall, up-stairs. Secretary, Richard Niederwerfer, Box 76.

ILLINOIS

Meetings of Chicago Central Committee held regularly on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Dr. J. H. Greer's office, 52 Dearborn street.

Branch No. 2 (Bohemian), Chicago, meets first and third Saturdays at 8 p.m., at Nagi's Hall, 218 Illinois street.

Branch No. 6 (Bohemian), Chicago, meets second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m., at Dunder's place, 100 W. 10th place. Joseph Dunder, secretary.

Branch No. 2, Chicago, meets second and fourth Sundays of each month at Pisark's Hall, corner Center avenue and 11th street. James Kehak, secretary, 1119 Throop street.

Branch No. 8 (Bohemian), Chicago, meets second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m., at 300 Lincoln street. J. A. Ambros, secretary, 300 Wood street.

Branch No. 6, Chicago, meets at Uhlnow's Hall, corner Clark and Center avenues, first and third Saturdays.

Branch No. 45 (West Bohemian), meets every third Sunday in the month at Pinger's Hall, corner Michigan and 11th place. Camil Kabat, secretary, 157 Stanwood avenue.

INDIANA

Branch No. 6, Indianapolis, meets first Saturday evening and third Sunday afternoon of each month at Reichwein's Hall, corner Market and Hobart streets. Address all communications to the secretary of the State executive board, Thomas Catton,

TRANSFER OF PUBLICATIONS

The International Library Publishing Co., 23 Duane St., New York, widely known as the leading publishers of Socialist literature in the United States, have sold out their entire pamphlet department, including stock on hand, plates, copyrights, etc., to the Debs Publishing Co., and have retired from that department of literature in favor of the latter company. The sale took place last week and includes the following well-known pamphlets:

A Socialist's View of Religion and the Church; by Tom Mann. Price, 5 cents. Socialism and Slavery; Answer to Herbert Spencer; by H. M. Hyndman. Price, 5 cents.

What Socialism Means; by Sidney Webb. Price, 5 cents.

What Is Capital? By Ferdinand Lassalle. Price, 5 cents.

Real Socialism; by Robert Blatchford. Price, 5 cents.

Socialism: A Reply to the Pope's Encyclical; by Robert Blatchford. Price, 5 cents.

Object of the Labor Movement; by Johann Jacoby. Price, 5 cents.

The Living Wage; by Robert Blatchford. Price, 5 cents.

The State and Socialism; by Gabriel Deville. Price, 10 cents.

Socialism, Revolution and Internationalism; by Gabriel Deville. Price, 10 cents.

The Workingman's Programme; by Ferdinand Lassalle. Price, 10 cents.

The Right to Be Lazy: Being a Refutation of "The Right to Work"; by Paul Lafargue. Price, 10 cents.

Wage-Labor and Capital; by Karl Marx. Introduction by Frederick Engels. Price, 10 cents.

Open Letter to the National Labor Association of Germany; by Ferdinand Lassalle. Price, 10 cents.

Science and the Workingmen; by Ferdinand Lassalle. Price, 25 cents.

The Eighteen Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte; by Karl Marx; with portrait of Marx as frontispiece. Price, 25 cents.

The Civil War in France; by Karl Marx. Introduction by Frederick Engels. Price, 25 cents.

The excellence of these publications is in keeping with the high standard, both as to matter and material, of all the literature issued from the press of the International Company, and their object in now disposing of their pamphlet interests is that they may concentrate all their resources on book publication, which work will be greatly enlarged so as to embrace a number of new translations of foreign standard books of various languages, the demand for which is steadily increasing with our rapidly developing Socialist literature.

We are requested to announce to all interested that the Debs Publishing Co. are now prepared to fill orders for the pamphlets above named, and that special rates to agents, booksellers, branches, sections, etc., will be given on application.

Socialist papers that are interested in the pamphlets above named will confer a favor by making mention of the transfer in their columns. Orders should be addressed to Debs Publishing Co., Terre Haute, Ind.

'NOTES FROM THE FIELD'

There is a letter at this office for W. E. Clark, who recently sent a communication to The Herald. If he will kindly send his address the letter will be forwarded.

The editor of the Leader, at Canton, Ill., has given the Social Democrats the use of a column in his paper. It is edited by a member of the Social Democratic branch.

A communication received from D. A. Hastings, of Cheyenne, says the action of the executive board in calling the convention for July is approved by Wyoming comrades.

Branch 9 of Milwaukee will hold a basket picnic at Dazzeri's Grove, half a mile west of Forest Home Cemetery, Sunday, June 23. All Social Democrats and sympathizers are invited to be present.

The committee of management for the annual picnic on the Fourth of July, when Comrade Eugene V. Debs will speak, consists of Comrades Westphal, Uhlhorn, Winnen, Siedman and Hallbeck.

At the conference of Connecticut Social Democrats, held at Rockville, Comrade J. W. Brown was unanimously elected as delegate to the Indianapolis convention and Comrade Thomas Lisk as alternate.

The picnic to be given by the German branches of Chicago will be held July 21 instead of the 29th, as announced last week. It is to be at Becker's Grove, Twenty-second street and Ridgeland avenue.

The picnic of the Bohemian comrades of Chicago last Sunday at Neber's Grove was a decided success, a repetition of past seasons. The comrades, with their wives and children, turned out three hundred strong and spent one of the most enjoyable days in their existence.

Branches 13 and 15, of Winfield, Kan., held a joint picnic Saturday, June 1. A dinner was served and good speeches delivered. The daughters of Branch 15 claim the honor of making the first Socialist banner ever exhibited in public in Kansas.

Next week's paper will contain an important article on reorganization and the approaching convention by Comrade Margaret Haile. It is of too great length for this number, and as we believe it will be suggestive and profitable to all comrades anxious to know what our party should stand for in the convention, it will be held and pointed out next week.



AROUND THE WORLD

Carroll D. Wright has issued a report showing that the total cost of transporting passengers in the United States is less than one-fifth of a cent a mile.

During a hot debate in the Parliament of Belgium a Socialist member sprang to his feet and began to sing the "Marseillaise." He was joined by his party members and the sitting was suspended.

Local branches in all the towns and in many villages, numerous labor organizations, 8 seats in the legislature wrested from the combined bourgeois forces at the elections in February, 1901; this is the record of ten years of Social Democratic activity in Bulgaria.

Montreal's labor council voted down a proposition that the city's clergymen be asked to preach a labor sermon once a month. The prevailing argument was that the preachers would hurt the cause of labor because of their lack of knowledge of the subject.

William Clarke, M. A., known widely as one of the contributors to the famous volume of "Fabian Essays," died on May 8 at Mostar, Herzegovina. He was on a trip to Dalmatia and Bosnia. He was one of the best known journalists and writers on economics and political subjects in England.

It is estimated that a million sales' agents of various kinds, and other middlemen, have been displaced in the last four years owing to trustification of industry. The claim is made that the million-dollar iron and steel combine will alone save \$80,000,000 a year by abolishing middlemen and pocketing profits that formerly went to them.

Building trades unions of New York have been discussing the advisability of taking independent political action. One of the carpenters unions resolved that it is time wasted to start another labor party, and that those workers who were seriously desirous of cutting adrift from the old parties and doing something for their class should join the Social Democratic party.

Three mining companies of Hopkins county, Ky., went into the circuit court and secured a blanket injunction to restrain the miners' organization, its members and all others from collecting union dues, collecting strike assessments, requesting other miners to come out on strike, distributing food to miners who are on strike. The court holds that to organize the miners "would be injurious to the business of plaintiffs."

Mr. John Dillenius, of Boston, has perfected a camera of scientific construction which, it is said, will completely revolutionize the whole system of lithography, and which is said to be capable of abolishing many of the annoying technicalities with which this art has to contend, particularly in the preservation of the beautiful atmospheric effects so necessary to a picture made from nature.

The French Socialist Congress at Lyons defeated, by a vote of 910 to 286,

a resolution that Millerand, by accepting the position of Minister of Commerce in a bourgeois cabinet, had placed himself outside the party. Thereupon the Guesdists faction withdrew. The matter was finally disposed of by adopting a resolution, by a vote of 904 to 42, declaring that the position of Millerand in the cabinet is that of an individual Socialist, not of a representative of the party.

While the industrial war in Spain appears to be subsiding, says a London dispatch, curiously enough similar troubles are in progress in Italy. The danger is growing steadily without attracting attention outside of Italy, and international indifference will probably continue till the storm bursts. The movement is undeniably in the hands of the Socialists and is of a revolutionary character. Every industrial town is in a ferment with Milan as a storm center, where 15,000 men are on strike.

Socialism in Russia, though still in its fledgling years, gives the following evidences of robust development: A Federation of Labor in Helsingfors represents 40 trade unions with 1,900 members, including 300 women, publishes a central organ, "Tomies," and has built a "Maison du Peuple"; unions of Swedish laborers in Finland and of seamstresses washerwomen, bonnet makers and thread spinners are increasing; disorders occurred in the metal works at Okhta, near Petersburg, where the laborers refused to work on holiday.

Japanese socialists, in their moulting process from utopia to science, still swear allegiance to the emperor and sympathize with "judges and public prosecutors striking for higher wages." But at the same time they are holding mass meetings, demanding effective labor legislation and agitating for universal suffrage. In a public meeting held by the socialist club in Tokio, Comrades S. Katayama, editor of the "Labor World," and Iso Abe, author of "Social Problems and Their Solution," were nominated without the international bureau's spike.

SEVENTEEN, THE DATES

The quarterly issue for the third quarter of the year will appear at about December 15 or January 1, 1901. It is hoped that the secretaries bring the matter to the attention of the members without delay. The payment of dues is important and should receive prompt attention. Branches expecting to have representation at the national convention must be in good standing. It is desirable that the representation be general and as large as possible; therefore, members are requested to pay past dues and assist the secretaries in putting every branch in good standing on the records.

EUGENE V. DEBS WILL SPEAK

A letter has been received from Comrade Eugene V. Debs promising to attend the Fourth of July picnic of the S. D. P. in Chicago. He will speak on the subject of "Progress," and those who attend will have the pleasure of hearing a Fourth of July oration that will be entirely different to anything in that line they ever heard. The speech will be printed in full in the issue of The Herald for July 13. We will fill bundle orders for that issue at \$1 per 100 copies; 500 copies, \$3. It will be a red hot speech for propaganda. Send your orders in advance.

Dates To be active from now on to the Fourth of July to make the Third Annual Picnic of the party in Chicago a big, decided and memorable success. Tell everybody about it and hustle the sale of tickets. Hoerdt's Park is one of the favorite union resorts of Chicago. Big program—big crowd—big time for everybody.

The French Socialists have proposed a conference for June 26 for the purpose of uniting the various factions, to which Comrade Eugene Dietzen, being invited, sent the following reply: "To the French comrades, fraternal greetings of the Social Democratic party of America; particularly anxious for the union of all Socialist forces."

About All cross-town lines both of Car Lines Twenty-sixth street transfer to Western avenue, and the fare to Hoerdt's Park, Western, Belmont and Clybourn avenues, will be five cents; from North Halsted street transfer to Lincoln cable, then to Roscoe street line, for five cents. Roscoe street line will take you within two blocks of the park.

In July, 1900, the labor department of the United States issued a bulletin containing an investigation of trust prices and wages, by Prof. Jenks of Cornell. The bulletin shows that, for the trusts examined, prices rose on the average 150 per cent from 1896 to 1900, while trust wages rose less than 13 per cent. The labor bulletin also proves that both the number and per cent of those receiving less than \$3 a week were increased by the formation of the trusts. This bulletin and other government reports show that while trust prices rose from 25 per cent to 300 per cent from 1896-97 to 1900, the average prices of farm products diminished 5 or 10 per cent.

NEBRASKA STATE CONVENTION.

To all organized and unorganized Socialists of Nebraska: A state convention will be held at Omaha, Wednesday, July 3, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M., to which all Socialists believing in Social Democratic principles are invited to be present for the purpose of nominating (1) one Supreme Judge, (2) Regents of the University, and to do other business proper to be done at said convention. All comrades will meet at 1517 Jackson street.

F. H. Alexander,
State Sec'y. and Treas.

Bring And give them a day's outing at the Annual Picnic of the Social Children. Children. It will be at Hoerdt's beautiful park, Western, Belmont, and Clybourn avenues. There will be lots of fun for the boys and girls, and they will be admitted free up to the age of twelve, accompanied by parents.

CROSS AND CROWN

Tis weary watching wave by wave,
And yet the tide heaves onward;
We climb, like corals, grave by grave,
That pave a pathway sunward;
We're driven back for our next fray
A newer strength to borrow;
And where the vanguard camps today
The rear shall rest tomorrow.

Thou' hearts brood o'er the past, our eyes

With smiling futures glisten;

For, lo! our day bursts up the skies—

Lean out your souls and listen!

The world is rolling freedom's way,

And ripening with her sorrow;

Take heart—who bear the cross today

Shall wear the crown tomorrow.

—Wm. Lloyd Garrison, 1901.

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THIRD ANNUAL PICNIC
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

TIME Fourth of July, 1901
PLACE Hoerdt's Park, Chicago
LOCATION Western, Belmont and Clybourn aves.

ATTRACTIOMS Music, Dancing, Entertainment, Bowling Alleys, Sports, Speeches, Prizes, Refreshments.

SPEAKER:

EUGENE V. DEBS

Subject: "PROGRESS."

It will be a Fourth of July oration from a new standpoint—something different.

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MAKE NO OTHER ENGAGEMENTS FOR THAT DAY

THE FOURTH OF JULY

The proceeds of the picnic will be used for benefit of **126**
The Social Democratic Herald has had in three years. Further particulars will be given in later editions. Get your tickets (25 cents each) and put your shoulder to the wheel. We call upon every comrade to do his duty. **All children under twelve, accompanied by parents, admitted free.**

REMEMBER THE TIME AND PLACE

THIRD ANNUAL PICNIC COMMITTEE

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